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Young Hits CIA Use of Viet Agents

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WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) use of South Vietnamese to pose as Viet Cong is a dangerous practice, Sen. Stephen M. Young (D-O.) said today.

"They're playing with fire and I intend to tell Admiral Rayborn so," he declared. William F. Rayborn is CIA director.

During his recent five-day visit to Vietnam, the Clevelander heard CIA had "a small army" of nationals infiltrate into enemy Viet Cong forces.

Young said CIA officials admitted the practice, but denied there were several hundred so engaged.

A South Vietnamese dispatched by CIA into Viet Cong territory could misuse his role to the detriment of America, said Young.

"SUPPOSE HE was with a Viet Cong raiding group and it attacked a South Vietnam village. The CIA man would have to join in the burning and even killing of the people we are defending."

"This sort of thing could happen when the CIA gives its Vietnamese agents the authority to pose as Viet Cong."